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Graphic by Senior Airman Yasmin Clark

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, view Ramstein Air Base, Germany's flightline and functional areas on the ramp recently.



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

COMUSAFE, command chief focus on USAFE future

BY TECH. SGT. MONA FERRELL

USAFE NEWS SERVICE

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Using teamwork and mutual respect as their foundation, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's newest commander and command chief master sergeant place people and customer service as top priorities within the command.

Taking the helm of one of the busiest major commands in the Air Force brings new challenges, but the basics of teamwork and taking care of our people remains at the root of mission success, said Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, USAFE commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant.

And USAFE's two key leaders, who've known each other since 1994, know the value of teamwork first hand.

"I've seen the general up close and personal, more so than any other person in the blue suit," said Coleman. "... We're sort of on the same frequency — our priorities are people and airplanes and our boss has an infatuation with both."

Working together at the 51st Fighter Wing, Osan Air Base, Korea, and more recently at 12th Air Force, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Ariz., it became clear to both Foglesong and Coleman that they see eye-to-eye on Air Force basics — taking care of our people and the mission.

"To tell you the truth, I'm not sure who picked who in this deal, which is a statement in itself of the respect we have

for each other," Foglesong said. "At 12th Air Force, we went down the same path of worrying about the quality of living for our folks, as well as worrying about things important to the whole Air Force; education opportunities for our people, worrying about services for our people and making sure customers in the command are well taken care of. I've found Gary to be very straight forward and forthcoming.

"My dad was an NCO in the U.S. Navy, so I have an incredible sense of what our NCO force does for our Air Force. I know the responsibility that we give our NCOs, and it's more than any other nation in the world," said the general. "It's an incredible strength in our service that we have such dedicated non-commissioned officers.

"I need someone who can keep their hands on the pulse of what's going on with the young men and women we're asking to go in harm's way; someone who can honestly report back on issues bothering our airmen and things that we can do for them," the general continued. "There's nobody who knows what's going on in the enlisted force, at least in my view, better than Gary Coleman."

And it's this combined insight that will provide the basis for USAFE's vision and priorities in the future.

"We're the world's most respected, all-purpose Expeditionary Air and Space Force," said Coleman. "Simply put, our vision is to be leaning forward and blazing the trail in our Air Force; ensuring that

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USAFE command chief shares vision

CHIEF MASTER SGT.
GARY G. COLEMAN

USAFE COMMAND CHIEF MASTER
SERGEANT

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) — Wow! I'm delighted to be back in the same airspace with, Gen Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong to once again join him as his wingman and help him lead the men and women of USAFE to the next level. It's obvious in the magnificent effort we've witnessed over the past week that USAFE was very well led, organized and postured to meet the expeditionary challenges faced by our Air Force. Assuming the reins of such an awesome command is humbling, but we're up to the challenge.

I spent the past four years engaged in the counter-drug war in South/Central America. As the Twelfth Air Force Command Chief I traveled throughout that area of responsibility assuring the health, welfare, and morale of our men and women was the best we could offer. Gen Foglesong set the standard there and has made the same commitment to our forces here in Europe.

Our great Air Force is as busy today as it has ever been. As we continue to transform to meet the evolving threats of the world today, we will look for opportunities to improve your quality of life and that of your families. You can expect to hear very soon about some initiatives designed to stimulate your mind, body, and spirit. Our goal is to make your life easier and to help you take care of your family by improving services. You have my word that you will not find a more committed team than the one you have serving you today.

If there is ever anything we can do to make the quality of life for our forces better, please let us know. No guarantees, but ... There will be a USAFE Command Chief Master Sergeant website accessible from the HQ USAFE homepage available soon, feel free to drop me a line. Again, I'm delighted to serve with Gen Foglesong and as "your" Command Chief. You'll be hearing from us soon!

Passion

Learning prepares students for life's unexpected twists

BY BRIG. GEN. MARK T. MATTHEWS

48TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER

I used to anticipate the first day of school like the skier contemplating a field of fresh fallen snow or an artist a blank canvas. The possibilities were endless. Ok, so I'm a little strange, but for a farm kid whose summer consisted of dawn-to-dusk days duck-waddling down endless tobacco rows, the start of school was a real treat. Unfortunately, for a lot of our children it's not. As my older son once said, "What's the point?" You might guess that remark led to a long-mostly one-sided-conversation, the "point" of which was this: we all are blessed with talents yet all too many of us wander through life with those talents burdened by our own disbelief of that which we are capable. Learning not only prepares us for the many unexpected twists that life presents but allows us the chance to glimpse at those hidden gifts that can make our lives extraordinary. As parents we pursue-as we should-an endless goal of making our schools ever more conducive to ignite those waiting fuses, but the simple truth is



File photo by Senior Airman Lynne Neveu

the key to a student's awakening lies at home. My wish is that you translate your love for your children into an intense desire to learn. Read to your younger children. Be involved in your children's schools and activities. Get to know their teachers. Not all our kids are going to graduate with 1600 SATs and a ticket to Harvard, but every one of them should have the passion to embark

on a life-long journey of learning. Doing so not only will make their lives more fulfilling, but will return to our country a citizen wizened and engaged in a world increasingly more complex and difficult to navigate than the one in which we grew up. One final plea, especially as the days grow shorter, slow down and watch for the children heading to school and riding our buses. There is no greater tragedy than to lose a life before its bloom. Take care and look forward, as I do, to what promises to be an exciting year for our Lakenheath family!



Matthews

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we're not only the most respected, but also the most feared Air Force in the world.

"We've proven ourselves throughout the decades, and most recently in Operation Iraqi Freedom ...," Coleman continued. "Clearly our charter is to expand upon it; to lead the way in the greatest Air Force in the history of mankind. Our mission in a nutshell is very simple. Be ready to fight, be postured to respond and provide services to our world-class people."

And it's a mission that's not changing, only being built upon in the command, said Foglesong.

"Since I've been here at Ramstein, I've had the chance to assess how USAFE is performing its mission. I think our command is cooking on all eight cylinders," Foglesong said. "It's incredible the programs that have been established over here to take care of our people."

"I recently returned from an eight-day visit in Iraq and Afghanistan," the general continued. "Everywhere I went, I found USAFE personnel doing extraordinary work in this great all-purpose Expeditionary Air Force of ours. I'm convinced our goal is going to be to continue moving the ball down the field."

"We're walking in the shadows of some really great airmen who have done exceptional work leading the command for a number of years," he said. "Generals (Michael E.) Ryan, (John P.) Jumper and (Gregory S.) Martin –

those are incredible footsteps for me to follow, so I couldn't be more pleased with what I've seen here."

But providing services efficiently, and offering programs for people to grow — spiritually, mentally, and physically — can always be improved upon, said the two leaders.

"While we think USAFE already has a strong advanced education program for our airmen, we're going to put some increased emphasis on it," Foglesong said. "You'll read more about something we call 'Combat Education,' an umbrella program to make enrolling in continuing college education as user friendly as we can make it across the command."

This is only one of many special interest items the two leaders plan to focus on within USAFE.

"I think if you look at this from a macro perspective, what we're attempting to do is touch people completely," Coleman said. "There will be emphasis placed on uplifting the spiritual well being of our members. In addition, we will also focus on fitness and preparing physically to carry out our mission, which just happens to dovetail with the Chief of Staff's position."

"In fact, you'll hear us refer to 'Combat Programs' a lot," said the general. "Don't be surprised if you hear about a program called 'Combat Flightline' which places emphasis on

paying attention to the detail and appearance of the flightline as well as the functional areas on the ramp, sortie generation and how long planes are left in 'cann' status."

Two other projects in the works are "Project Wizard," which has

to do with putting focus and attention on resources for command libraries; and "Hidden Heroes," which will recognize people who voluntarily organize and contribute to help better the lives of others.

"If you were to remove yourself and look at these programs in total, you'll see that we're touching virtually every facet of our team," Foglesong said. "And as you peel these programs back, you'll see the basis for them is rock solid. So, while we need to be ready to fight and be postured to respond, we also need to provide these services to our people, and we're here to provide the resources to make it happen."



Foglesong

FROM THE FRONT ...



Courtesy photo

Getting it done

Senior Airman Donovan Williams, deployed 494th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, receives an outstanding performer award from Col. William Delgrego, 379th Expeditionary Operations Group commander, while deployed in support of Air and Space Expeditionary Force Blue. The other outstanding performers assigned to the 48th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were Master Sgt. John Glantz, Tech. Sgt. Ronald Simmons, Staff Sgt. Douglas Fielding, Staff Sgt. Dustin Rider, Staff Sgt. Karlos Simpson, Staff Sgt. Colby Wortman, Senior Airman Justin Duckett, Senior Airman Blake Ferguson, and Senior Airman Donovan Williams.

AF members must follow UK pet laws

BY MAJ. MICHELLE DEWERTH

3RD AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Editor's note: This is the second part in a two-part series on the responsibilities of pet ownership in the United Kingdom.

Before people assigned to RAF Lakenheath rush out to buy that much-wanted pet, they need to be aware they must not only follow the rules laid out in the Third Air Force Instruction 48-131, they must comply with British law.

For instance, dogs shouldn't be left unattended all day, and the owner is liable to prosecution if this violation is reported to the authorities (under the Abandonment of Animals Act).

Registering:

Pet registration for dogs and cats in the United Kingdom is mandatory and failure to comply can lead to serious consequences. The AFI explains the rules that must be followed. The forms can be obtained from the RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center or downloaded from its pages on the local area network. Once assigned here, it is the owner's responsibility to register the pet with the veterinary clinic at RAF Feltwell. Pet owners have two weeks to register after obtaining the pet. The veterinary clinic will only provide care for a correctly registered pet.

De-registering:

Just as it is important to register a pet, it is also important to de-register the pet with the clinic. Some people call the clinic and expect to register and de-register the pet at the same time, which is not allowed. Follow the terms of the AFI closely. De-registration is part of out-processing, or should be carried out within two weeks of the pet being re-homed.

Why do we have to do this?

The AFI came into force after pet issues became a major community relations problem. Unfortunately, some irresponsible owners abandoned their pets when they could no longer look after them. At the height of the problem some nine pets were being abandoned per week and the 3rd Air Force commander decided to regulate pet ownership. Since the AFI's inception, pet abandonment has significantly decreased but there is still room for improvement. So far this year there have been 19 cats abandoned and some 40 pets have had to be rehomed through the British system.

Pet scoop and the FSC:

The RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center runs a class called Pet Scoop from 3 to 5 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. The RAF Mildenhall Family Support Center holds a class from 10 a.m. to noon the first Monday of the month. For more information, call the RAF Lakenheath FSC at 226-3847, the RAF Mildenhall FSC at 238-3406 or David Newton at (01842) 860432.

Questions

For queries on animal welfare, call Sal Davidson at 226-3145 or Maggie Cotner at 238-2254.

UCI/SI test wing's readiness

BY LT. COL. KEVIN MCELROY

48TH FIGHTER WING READINESS OFFICE

Team Liberty is 72 days away from two major inspections that will run back-to-back: a U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Surety Inspection and a Unit Compliance Inspection – will you be ready?

These inspections were scheduled for July/August, but rescheduled due to Air and Space Expeditionary Force Blue and other taskings. Now the countdown begins to when USAF will evaluate our ability to ensure the safety, security and reliability of one of our primary missions, and assess and assure the health and performance of the 48th FW.

For the wing to adequately prepare for the upcoming inspections, 48th FW Readiness put together a schedule of local inspections that will recognize strengths and identify weak areas in our programs.

The assessment team, led by 48th FW CCR, will evaluate how Team Liberty ensures safety, security and reliability of special weapons during the LSI, and will assess how well we comply with Department of Defense, Air Force, Major Command and local instructions, as well as established directives. A-Team members are individuals recognized as subject-matter experts and are here to help you prepare for the IG team. We may all feel these "black hats" and "yellow badges" are out to get us, but their goal is to ensure the wing is mission ready and able to pass the upcoming inspections – if the wing busts, so do they.

One must keep in mind that when 48th

FW CCR conducts a local inspection, it's not the time to be practicing procedures and correcting known program problems. A local inspection is the time to verify that we are prepared to meet our mission and to allow us time to fine-tune our procedures and programs. Groups and units should practice procedures as required, and work on getting their programs in compliance with established directives – which means training and working on continuity books now.

Over the next few weeks, the wing will focus on the surety mission and ensure new arrivals are up to speed. Preparing for the mission will prepare us for the inspections. To aid each of you, 48th FW CCR coordinated some programs to help everyone prepare. The 48th Fighter Wing Surety Guide is a handy pocket reference that all personnel involved shouldn't be without. If you need one, get with your unit weapons safety representative or PRP monitor, who can con-

tact the 48th FW Weapons Safety office at 226-5645.

You may also notice the surety questions that pop up every time you log on to your computer. Additionally, you will soon see short "pearls of wisdom" in the upcoming issues of the Jet 48, short memory joggers that will get you into the UCI/SI mindset.

Remember, our preparation and practice for the mission also prepares us for the upcoming inspections. It takes every member of Team Liberty doing his or her part to ensure mission success, which will result in success during the upcoming inspections.

With the UCI/SI 72 days away – are you ready, Team Liberty?

Local UCI
Sept. 2 to 12

Local Surety Inspections
Sept. 22 to 26 and
Oct. 14 to 17

UCI/SI
Nov. 2 to 17
Surety Inspection
Nov. 3 to 7

New fitness test details released

BY STAFF SGT. C. TODD LOPEZ

AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Beginning next year, Air Force officials will implement a new fitness test completely different than what airmen today are familiar with.

The more functional test includes a 1.5-mile timed run, a muscular-fitness test of push-ups and crunches and a body composition test. It is designed to measure the general health of airmen, said Maj. Lisa Schmidt, chief of health promotions operations at the Air Force Surgeon General's Office.

An airman's performance in each of the three component areas will earn points. They can earn a maximum of 50 points on the aerobic portion of the test, 30 points on the body composition portion and 20 on the muscular fitness portion.

The total number of points earned on the fitness test will put the airman into one of four categories: 90 or greater is excellent, 75 to 89.9 is good, 70 to 74.9 is marginal, and less than 70 is poor, Schmidt said.

People scoring marginal will attend a two-hour healthy-living workshop that focuses on lifestyle behavior, time management and fitness education, Schmidt said.

Intervention for people scoring in the poor category involves the healthy-living workshop, an individualized exercise program and a weight-loss program for those who exceed body fat standards. It also involves mandatory exercise five days a week, she said.

The test for body composition is still being finalized, but it will measure how much body fat a person has, Schmidt said.

Tests for other components of the fitness standard have already been determined. A 1.5-mile run will determine aerobic fitness. Airmen who are not medically cleared to run will take the cycle-ergometry test. Muscular fitness will be determined by both push-ups and crunches, which will be similar to those done in conjunction with the cycle-ergometry test.

Airmen's scores on the new fitness test will also determine how often they need to retest. People scoring "good" or "excellent" will retest after a year, while those scoring "marginal" will retest after six-months. Airmen scoring "poor" will retest after 90 days.

While the the charts are not available yet, airmen who are not involved in an exercise program should begin now, Schmidt said.



Photo by Tech. Sgt Michael Ammons

An F-15E Strike Eagle deployed from the 492nd Fighter Squadron, releases a GBU-28 "Bunker Buster" laser-guided bomb. The 492nd deployed to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, for the Air-to-Ground Weapons System Evaluation Program mission commonly known as Combat Hammer. The GBU-28 was designed and first used during the Persian Gulf War in 1991 to destroy hardened targets such as bunkers and underground command centers.

Troops visit Iraqi orphanages

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KARA PHILP

332ND AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) — The rumble of American convoy's engines slowed to a dull idle, while the melodic sounds of a Muslim prayer filled the hot, dusty air of An Nasiriyah, Iraq.

The scene quickly changed as airmen and soldiers here arrived at local orphanages with boxes of surprises.

One after another, the troops unloaded boxes of clothes, toys and toiletries — a combination of items gathered from packages they have received.

A quick glance of each facility revealed the tough life for the orphans who call it home. The children at the orphanage were without an extended family with whom to spend the summer months.

World War II-style beds, some with mattresses and some without, were the only furniture besides an old dining table off to the side of the kitchen — a kitchen so small, some people might confuse it for a walk-in closet.

"I've seen different levels of society, but nothing could have prepared me for this," said Army Sgt. Jessica Yniguez, from the 806th Adjutant General (Postal) Company. "I want to

take in as much as I can from this experience."

In one orphanage, paintings of Mickey Mouse and Daisy Duck decorate the crib-lined walls.

Some of the children, whose ages range from 1 month to 5 years old, slept soundly and were unaware of the visitors, while others raced toward the doorway with their hands raised above their heads, beckoning to be picked up and held by the American troops.

Many of the troops said the children at the

orphanages reminded them of family members or other loved ones at home.

"Everyone sees someone or something that always brings it close to home," said Master Sgt. Sylvia Goodwin, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron Post Office postmaster. "A child who reminds you of your own makes it a reality. It becomes up close and personal."

At the girls' orphanage, the language barrier does not

seem like a barrier at all.

"This mission makes me feel needed," said Airman 1st Class Carlos Williams, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron Post Office postal clerk. "Seeing the children go through the items we collected makes all our hard work worthwhile."

As the convoy trekked back to Tallil, children chased after the trucks waving and shouting "maa al salama, maa al salama." While the words translated to goodbye, the voices were filled with hope the troops return soon.



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Barton

Master Sgt. Sylvia Goodwin, 332nd Expeditionary Communication Squadron postmaster, helps local children sort through the contents of one of the boxes delivered to local orphanages.

MSG commander emphasizes volunteerism

BY COL. NEAL MCENHANNON

48TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

COMMANDER

We believe education begins at the home and we encourage your active involvement in school activities. As parents, it is vitally important for you to show your children how much you value their education. I am counting on you to help make a difference by volunteering your time. I encourage you to become involved in one of our five Department of Defense Dependent Schools. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe Strategic Plan for Dependent Education authorizes up to one hour a week for volunteering in the schools. Some suggestions are: become a mentor, read to a class of students, teach basketball during recess or help a student with his/her homework. Through your involvement with dependent education, you make your voice heard. We want to hear from you; please join your child's PTA or school advisory committee, or help us improve our quarterly school board open forum.



McElhannon

I promise to work closely with school administrators and staff members to help ensure the highest standard of education is available to our students. All children deserve the right to a quality education in a safe environment.

Parents, sponsors and the community at large can all help promote and maintain the standards of behavior and expectations for success for students by modeling a sense of purpose, community and responsibility.

Throughout the school year, I will meet with the school principals to learn what the parents and students are saying about our school and what our base can do to help support the schools.

Volunteer ideas

Ways to get involved with schools include:

- ☐ Organizing a "volunteer fair" to help match individual talents and volunteer opportunities
- ☐ Helping with instructional activities for students, such as bike rodeos, book and video swaps, theater workshops or art shows
- ☐ Speaking to their child's class about their career, a hobby, a pet or a special interest
- ☐ Sharing about their holiday celebrations, foods, songs, dances, costumes, games, art and stories
- ☐ Being classroom aides
- ☐ Writing, laying out or typing a classroom or school newsletter
- ☐ Acting as an interpreter for non-English speaking parents
- ☐ Participating on school committees such as the School Advisory Committee or the Parent Teacher Association
- ☐ Planning and conducting parent meetings
- ☐ Recruiting other parents to participate in school events
- ☐ Planning and putting on a cultural fair and food day
- ☐ Chaperoning field trips
- ☐ Tutoring

Superintendent's welcome

Laying out goals, volunteerism, student achievement top priorities for DoD Dependents Schools in 2003



Curtis

LINDA CURTIS

ISLES DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

We will soon be starting the 2003/2004 school year. The staff at the Isles District Superintendent's office located at RAF Feltwell, welcomes all students and families. The Isles District serves approximately 8,000 students in five countries and four time zones. We pride ourselves in providing the best educational experience for all students in England, Iceland, Belgium, Azores (Portugal) and Bahrain.

The district goals-student achievement, educational leadership, infusing technology across the curriculum, and staff development support the Community Strategic Plan. I encourage each of you to volunteer in the schools and to be involved in the School Advisory Committee and/or the School Board. As we promote the Department of Defense Education Activity theme "Math Matters in DoDEA," we will continue to strengthen all of the curriculum areas.

There may be times during the school year when you have questions or concerns about your child's education. If the question is about a classroom matter, I request that you always first contact the teacher of the class. If the concern cannot be resolved with the teacher, or is about school policy, contact the principal. If the teacher and principal cannot resolve the matter, you call me at 226-7224. If there is still a concern, call the Department of Defense

Schools Europe Director, Diana Ohman, at DSN 338-7615 or commercial 0049-611-380-7615. If the matter still is not resolved, call the Director of DoDEA, Dr. Joseph Tafoya, at (703) 703-696-8918.

One other local option is to bring your concern or question about non-personnel issues to the School Advisory Committee or Mildenhall and Lakenheath Community School Board. My goal is to solve concerns and questions at the school level; that is the fastest way to answer questions or resolve concerns. However, it is important for you to know the chain of command.

Thank you for your interest in the Isles District. I welcome all the new students, families, teachers and support personnel to an exciting year.

Department of Defense Education Activity and DoDDS leadership

Dr. Joseph Tafoya: director, Department of Defense Education Activity, located in Washington DC

Ms. Diana Ohman: deputy director, Department of Defense Dependents Schools Europe, located in Weisbaden, Germany

Ms. Linda Curtis: superintendent, DoDDS Isles District: Azores, Bahrain, Belgium, Iceland, United Kingdom, located at RAF Feltwell

Mr. Gary Gerstner: assistant superintendent DoDDS Isles District, located at RAF Feltwell

Ms. Lynda Simmons: assistant superintendent, DoDDS Isles District, located at RAF Feltwell

Community guidelines for DoDDS students

Curfew

A strict youth curfew is in effect on RAF Lakenheath, RAF Feltwell, RAF Mildenhall and all areas under jurisdiction of the 48th Fighter Wing and 100th Air Refueling Wing. The curfew is from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays and holidays.

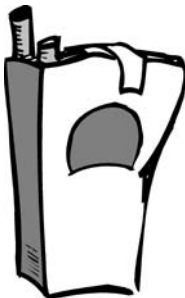
During the curfew period, children younger than 18 years are not allowed away from their residence unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or responsible adult sponsor. Special exceptions to curfew limitations are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Standard exceptions to curfew policy are: organized youth activities (recreational or work-related) approved in writing by the 48th Mission Support Group deputy commander and unaccompanied minor family members residing on base and returning from an activity off base. They must report to a security forces entry control point. At the ECP, each youth must call their sponsor and sign in with their name, ID card number, sponsor's name, address and an estimated time of arrival before proceeding directly to their home.

Random verification of successful arrival may be done by security forces, however, sponsors have primary curfew enforcement responsibility. Proactive security force patrols strengthen community curfew enforcement efforts and report violations to the proper authority. Sponsors should be involved with this misconduct prevention program.

Tobacco products

Sponsors, spouses and other adult family members must not give or sell rationed tobacco products (including smokeless tobacco) to individuals younger than 18 years of age. Even though the U.K. law states only people ages 16 or older may purchase or use tobacco products, on base children are prohibited from obtaining a ration card, and further prohibits individuals from giving or selling rationed items to individuals that do not have an allowance. Any individual who knowingly provides or purchases rationed tobacco products to unauthorized individuals risks withdrawal of access to all rationed items. Family members between the ages of 16 to 18 who use tobacco products must purchase such items on the British economy in accordance with U.K. laws.

In accordance with policies governed by the Department of Defense Education Activity, all students attending Lakenheath High School are prohibited from smoking or using smokeless tobacco products on the high school campus. Lakenheath High School is a tobacco-free campus, 24 hours a day.



Students may smoke or use smokeless tobacco products in an off-campus designated smoking area located behind Building 852. Students' access to this area is limited to the time before school begins each morning and during the lunch period. Students are not permitted in the off-campus designated smoking area at any other time. In addition, students are expected to keep this area clean.

Violation of the tobacco use policy results in the following consequences:

- First offense – Notification of sponsor and assigned 60 minutes of after-school detention. Students may attend a smoking cessation program in lieu of serving after-school detention.
- Second offense – Notification of sponsor and assigned six hours of Saturday detention.
- Third offense – Notification of sponsor and assigned second Saturday detention. A parent will attend the second assigned Saturday detention with the student.
- Fourth offense – Base officials will handle subsequent violations of the school and base tobacco use policy.

Gang prevention

The distinguishing characteristics of a gang, which separate a gang from a group of friends, is an element of violence – real, threatened or perceived. Potential gang-related activities or behavior has no place in the community and will be halted immediately. Prohibited activities include:

- Group violence planned or acted out – actual, threatened or perceived – includes any intimidation or harassment of others, taunts, bully tactics or negative peer pressure to compel or coerce an action or non-action.
- Claiming and wearing of colors (i.e. red or blue bandannas) or styles (i.e. sagging pants) as a means of identifying membership in a non-sanctioned group.
- Soliciting or participation in any group violence or self-destructive initiation rituals, “hazing” rites or challenges.
- Use of identifying gang graffiti or symbols.
- Use of gang code words, slogans, gestures, signs or hand-signals

Weapons or prohibited items

Some items when brought to school are considered weapons by DoDDS and the military community. Any person openly displaying or concealing possession of the listed items will be subject to disciplinary action or administrative sanctions, regardless of intent. Examples of weapons or prohibited items include:

- All firearms, ammunition, silencers or mufflers for firearms
- Any explosive or destructive devices (i.e.

pipebomb, fireworks)

- Any knives (i.e. flick, switch or spring blades, fighting or boot knives, bayonets, any blade over 3 inches long or martial arts stars)
- Chemical canister or dispenser, gas pistols, shooting pens, tear gas, mace or pepper sprays.



- Club-type hand weapons (i.e. friction-lock or expandable batons, black-jacks, brass knuckles and nun chukkas).

- Stun guns, electronic volt dispenser and cattle prod.

Any of the following, whether carried in a concealed manner or openly displayed, brandished or in the presence of others in a manner likely to make reasonable persons fear for their safety are prohibited:

- Razor blades, utility knives, hammers, screwdrivers, art palette knives, darts, ice picks, spears, swords or any similar instrument.
- Clubs or any objects that may be used to inflict bodily harm (i.e. a piece of wood or pipe, stones, bricks or baseball bats in non-sports setting)
- Authentic-appearing replica of a firearm (i.e. BB guns, pellet pistols, water pistols or blank cartridge pistols)
- Any other objects that might be used to readily inflict bodily harm (i.e. bicycle chains, canes with sharp points, broken bottles or glasses)
- Bows and crossbows, arrows, hunting traps or snares
- Handcuffs, handcuff keys or rope fashioned as a noose or lasso

Alcoholic beverages

The minimum age for consuming alcoholic beverages is 18 years of age. Minors (anyone younger than 18 years of age) must not purchase, possess or use alcoholic beverages. Any individual assisting minors to obtain alcohol will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. A supplement to the Status of Forces Agreement with the U.K. government restricts U.S. forces minor family members, other than spouses, from purchasing alcoholic beverages from class six

facilities, whether rationed or not rationed. Minors are not allowed in bar areas unless accompanied by an adult. When off base, minor family members will comply with U.K. laws and limitations.

Note: DoDDS students, age 18 and older, may not procure or consume alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of alcohol beverages during school hours. Also, students may not bring alcoholic beverages on to school campuses or to any DoDDS-sponsored event or activity at any location, or provide alcoholic beverages to anyone younger than 18.

(Courtesy of the school liaison office)



YO HO HO

CUB SCOUTS BECOME PIRATES OF RAF FELTWELL



Tiger Cub Scout Nick Newbold helps his seaworthy craft along with a mighty gust of breath during the "Raingutter Regatta." The race was one of the pirate-themed events during 2003 Cub Scout Day Camp at RAF Feltwell in early August.

Photos by Charlene Carl

BY CHARLENE CARL

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Dark storm clouds and fierce rain beat down from the sky threatening to end the takeover of RAF Feltwell by 75 small adventurers July 28 through Aug. 1. Their signature Skull and Cross Bone flags blew noisily in the strong English wind as they brandished and used their weapons of choice: a gun or bow and arrow. They challenged all who crossed their path to do their best to stop them. But nothing would end their pillage for treasure and impish fun as they searched until their bounty was found.

This was the setting of the 2003 Cub Scouts Day Camp themed Pirates of the High Seas. Throughout the week, scouts aged six

through 11 participated in such activities as bb shooting, archery, sports, scout skills, science and arts and crafts with the help of 89 adult and 20 Boy Scout volunteers giving their time and experience.

According to adult volunteer Tech. Sgt. Phillip Scarbrough, 48th Communications Squadron, "Working with the boys and seeing the smile on their faces after hitting a bullseye with the BB gun is one of the best experiences."

Other memorable experiences for the scouts were making fish out of compact disks and construction paper, treasure chests to hold their valuables and boats to race in the week's highlight, the Rain Gutter Regatta. To find their treasure, scouts attended a Sky Lab to learn about

constellations and navigation using the stars or a compass. Then they were set loose in teams to find the buried treasure, a chest of toys, chocolate and bubble gum. The search didn't take long as the bounty was three of the Scouts most prized treats." In addition, scouts learned skills they would need for life as pirates: songs, cheers, basic first aid, knot tying and the proper care and maintenance of flags.

"This was my first year at day camp," said Alfred Stanley, Bear Scout. "I had a great time with my friends and learned new skills."

Many had not held a bb gun before but were marksmen on a 25-foot target and could fill the bullseye during archery from the same distance. Scouts also showed off their skills in games of flag football, volleyball, kickball and soccer.

"Scouts are asked to 'do their best' and to 'help other people,' said Teresa Klein, 2003



Michael Damato and Ronnie Buhl color during arts and crafts time at the camp. The week-long camp gave the Cub Scouts a chance to practice archery, marksmanship, navigational skills, sports, and customs and courtesies of U.S. flag handling.

Cub Scouts Day Camp director. "And each Cub Scout did just that. Whether it was shooting arrows or bb guns, or drawing flags and making crafts, each scout did their best as individuals and as a den. One group of boys stopped everything to ask what one from the group would like to play to make him feel included. This is something we promote — knowing what it means to help each other in the group and to make new friends."

The week ended with the oldest adventurers, ranks I and II, camping overnight Friday. It was quite cold, but the scouts were able to survive as they cooked their meals over an open flame, sung camp songs, showed off their scout skills and pitched tents.

"Overall I think the camp was a success, the smiles and the cheers proved that," said Klein. "Even now as I come across a scout while I'm out and about, they say, 'Thanks for Day Camp, I had fun.'"

In the end, there were no pirate ship's cannons firing, musket balls flinging or wounded helmsman staggering. There were just the smiles and childhood glee of new friendships and adventures. In the weeks to come it will be mostly forgotten, just a fond memory for most as another school year starts.

This event marked the end of summer Cub Scout events as the group moves into the 2003-2004 school year.

(Editor's note: Parents interested in registering their children for Cub Scouts may contact Charlene Carl at (01638) 532339.)

SPORTS SHORTS

Sports physicals

The 48th Medical Group offers walk-in sports physicals 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the family practice clinic, Building 932. Bring the child's yellow shot record and if the child wears glasses or contact lenses, bring them as well. For more information, call Capt. Rita Miner at 226-9002

Immunizations

The immunizations clinic is open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the base hospital. Parents are required to present shot records to register their children for Department of Defense Dependents Schools. To update immunizations, sponsors should take their children to the immunizations clinic at the 48th Medical Group. Sponsors should check with the clinic to ensure that children who had their adult tetanus vaccinations deferred now get up-to-date, as the tetanus shortage has been resolved. Shot records are essential to ensure accurate vaccinations. For more information, call the clinic at 226-8148.

In-line hockey

The Lakenheath In-Line Hockey Club is in need of players, coaches and referees. Team ages are: Pee Wee 10-11, Youth 12-14, Junior 15-17, Senior 18-29, and Veterans 30 and over. The age cut-off date for each season is Aug.31. Team practices start the first week of September and league play begins in October. For more information on youth teams, call Bonnie Marlar at (01842) 821771 or Chris Smith at (01842) 861942. For more information on senior and veterans teams, call Brian Beales at (01638) 510799.

Club championship brings out ... the best

STORY AND PHOTO BY
SENIOR AIRMAN LYNNE NEVEU

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Early Saturday morning, the sun broke through a thinly scattered layer of clouds on Breckland Pines Golf Course and a warm breeze lifted the moisture off the meticulously-manicured greens.

Breckland Pines Golf Course hosted its annual club championship Saturday and Sunday with 64 players playing 18 holes each day to vie for gross and net titles in four flights, as well as the overall championship.

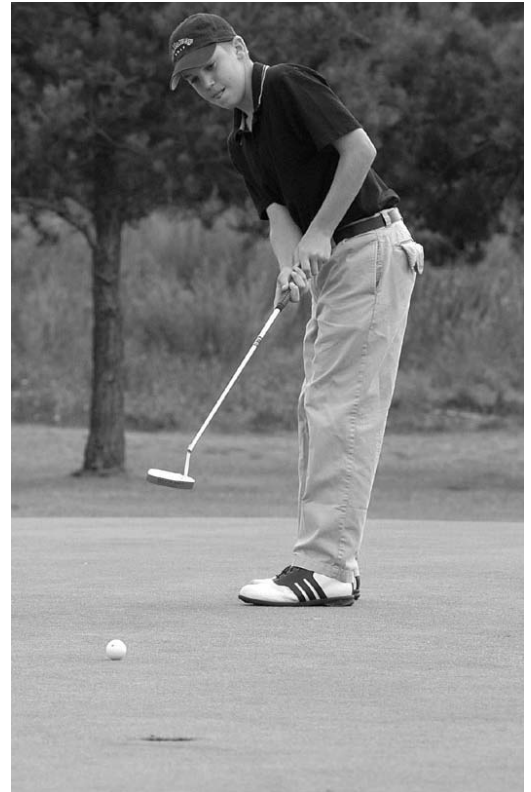
Barry Fontenot shot a one-under-par 71 on Day 1 and a 74 on Sunday for a 145 to clinch the overall championship title.

The air cooled down Sunday, but not the tenacity of competitors. Children were seen caddying along the greens for their father and competing as well,

One such young adult is Jacob Wright, a fierce competitor who out-stroked all others in his flight Saturday with a 76, just four under par.

"This was really a family event," said Derek Turner, Breckland Pines Golf Course manager. "All parts of the family including military, civilians, retirees, spouses and children were involved – the whole RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall teams.

The championship offered something for everyone including \$1,000 in gift certificates, five trophies for each flight and a ladies' winner trophy, said Turner. About \$500 in door prizes ranging from a



Jacob Wright, son of Master Sgt. Robin Wright, 48th Maintenance Group, sinks a putt on the 6th hole during the Breckland Pines Golf Club Championships Sunday.

putter to shirts and other golf accessories were also given away.

A closest to the pin contest at Hole 15 netted Nick Cardozo, who landed his drive within three feet of the pin, a set of golf irons worth \$700.

Breckland Pines hosts the 5th Annual Eagles' Landing Members-only Golf Tournament today. For more information on golf tournaments and lessons, call the Breckland Pines at 226-2223.

Breckland Pines Golf Club Championship results

A Flight (Gross)

Winner and Champion – Barry Fontenot 71-74 for a 145 total

2nd Place – Joe Lowe, 75-71 for a 146 total (finished second Gross on a tie break)

3rd Place – Paul Reckoff, 74-72 for a 146 total

A Flight (Net)

1st Place – Frank Kaufman, 73-74 for a 137 total including handicap

2nd Place – Jim McMurry, 78-73 for a 139 total including handicap

B Flight (Gross)

Winner – Jason Teague, 80-79 for a 159 total

2nd Place – Carl Kelly, 82-80 for a 162 total

3rd Place – James Smith, 87-79 for a 166 total

B Flight (Net)

1st Place – Jacob Wright 76-83 for a 133 total including handicap

2nd Place – Chris Lajoie 77-87 for a 138 total including handicap

C Flight (Gross)

Winner – Steve Strumila 84-91 for a 175 total

2nd Place – Charles Mewborn 93-84 for a 177 total

3rd Place – Jerry Ruiz 86-93 for a 179 total

C Flight (Net)

1st Place – Bill Lawson 89-93 for a 144 total including handicap (finished first Net on a tie breaker)

2nd Place – Jeremy Kelley 95-93 for a 144 total including handicap

D Flight (Gross)

Winner – Ed Harm 94-89 for a 183 total

2nd Place – Fred Morris 97-94 for a 191 total

3rd Place – John Hopkins 95-101 for a 196 total

D Flight (Net)

1st Place – Gabriel Rodriguez 95-96 for a 133 total including handicap

2nd Place – Peedy Harris 98-105 for a 145 total including handicap

Women's Flight (Net only)

Winner – Paula Ufferheide 110-123 for a 233 total

Closest to the Pin Hole #15 and winner of a set of Ben Hogan CFT irons

Winner – Nick Cardozo

Closest to the Pin Hole #4 (Saturday)

Winner – Bill Lawson

Closest to the Pin Hole #4 (Sunday)

Winner – Carl Kelly

Longest Drive (Sat and Sun) Winner – Ken Williams



Discover Britain

Sal Davidson – Community Relations Adviser



Attending British schools

Though British schools are still on vacation, if you are considering the option of sending your child to a British school here are some frequently asked questions that will help your decision-making.

How do I find information on British schools?

Education is a service provided by the County Councils in England. Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire all have comprehensive Web sites which include a whole section on education in their area. This is a good place to start for general information. Look at www.suffolkcc.gov.uk/education/schools; www.camcnty.gov.uk or www.norfolk.gov.uk

What is the difference between a state school and an independent school?

State schools are free of charge and independent schools are fee-paying schools. An old term you may still hear for an independent school is a 'public' school, which really is a contradiction in terms because only the minority attend fee-paying schools.

Will I have to pay to send my child to a church school?

If the church school is a State school, no fees are required. Voluntary-aided schools are run in partnership with the Roman Catholic Church and Church of England. The school governors decide which children can go to the school and how religion is taught.

At what age do children start school?

British children must begin full-time education at the start of the term after their fifth birthday. In Suffolk, all children can get full-time education from the start of the term during which they become five. For example, children born in March can start full-time school in January if their parents want them to. Each county education office will be able to tell you when your child can start their education. Some children may be able to start schooling on a part-time basis for a term before going for full days.

At what age do they start another school?

Norfolk has a slightly different system to Cambridgeshire and Suffolk. Norfolk children remain in primary school until the age of eleven when they move up to high school. Children in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk will leave primary

school at the age of nine and then go to middle school. They remain there until they are thirteen and then join the high school.

What is a catchment area?

Most children attend the school in their immediate local area, providing there is space. This school is called the catchment school. Every school serves an area of streets or villages, but sometimes this is different for church schools. Parents have a right to ask for a place at a different school. This is called a 'preferred' school. However, it may not be possible to obtain a place if the preferred school is full – this is the overriding factor. If your catchment area school is full then the education office will find you a place at the next nearest. School's are not able to vary the government's regulations on class sizes.

When does the school year start and how is it divided up?

The school year starts at the beginning of September and is divided into three 'terms' with holidays (vacations) of two weeks at Christmas and Easter and a six-week holiday in the summer. Each term is sub-divided into two 'half-terms' by a week's vacation.

Do I have to register?

Registration is not the same here. We use the term enrollment. When the head teacher confirms that there is availability at the school, he or she will need pupil details. The information required will include a DEROS date for the parent. This is required to help in planning for numbers related to future funding for the school. It is very important that, should you have to take your child out of the school for any reason, you notify the head teacher as soon as possible of the last day of attendance.

In order to enroll at a British school you will need to have a British address in the local area.

How will my child progress through school?

Teaching is based on the National Curriculum which has a core of four subjects – English, math, science and information technology. Other subjects, such as languages, are introduced at different stages. Within the national curriculum there are key stages of learning. Key Stage 1 is years 1 and 2, Key Stage 2 – up to year 6, Key Stage 3 – up to Year 9 and Key Stage 4 - Years 10 and 11. Key Stage 4 is the time when external examinations are taken with

a view to entering further education, either college or university.

Will my child get free transport to school?

Free bus transportation to and from school is not automatic. The head teacher may ask for a commitment from you as parents to ensure that your child is delivered to school and picked up from the school.

Also, in England we do not have distinctive school buses. Drivers over here are not required to stop behind a school bus but to proceed with caution, so it is essential that children are aware of the dangers of crossing the road when getting off a school bus.

Will my child have to wear a school uniform?

In British schools you will usually be required to wear a uniform. The top (most often a sweat-shirt) has the school logo on it and can often be purchased at the school. The bottom (pants – say 'trousers' or skirt) must be a certain colour but can be bought in any store. Uniform is worn most days, except 'non-uniform' days.

What are the school times?

Typically the school day will commence at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 3 p.m. The lunch break normally runs from noon till 1:30 p.m. There is normally the option of the children having a hot lunch (for a small fee), going home, or bringing in a packed lunch. Parents should follow any guidelines on the contents of packed lunches. The morning and afternoon sessions are normally broken up by a 15 minute playtime (recess).

Are there places where I can find additional information?

The best places to find out about the specific schools in your area is to call the education office in your area. If you live in Suffolk call (01284) 352000, Norfolk call (01603) 222593 or Cambridgeshire (01223) 717916. They will want to know your full British address including your post (zip) code along with the date of birth of your child/children. They will be able to give you the current situation on the schools in your area and will give you advice on what procedure you have to follow.

Your community relations adviser is also here to help you.

For more information on living in Britain, look in the British community information public folder, or call Sal Davidson, community relations adviser, at 226-3145, or e-mail sal.davidson@lakenheath.af.mil.



Courtesy photo

tops in blue

Tops in Blue visits at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the RAF Mildenhall Transportation Hangar, Building 610. There will be shuttle service at 6:30 p.m. at the community center to the Tuesday show.

Staff Sgt. Kerri Brooks, 48th Munitions Squadron, and Senior Airman Charles Cook, 48th Security Forces Squadron, are assigned to the Tops in Blue cast as stage director and singer, respectively.

tact MPF customer service to schedule an appointment. For more information, call MPF customer service at 226-2286.

Military leave program

AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program and AFPC Message 112030Z provide guidance on requesting special leave accrual due to leave lost at fiscal year's end. Contact your commander support staff or MPF customer service. For more information, call MPF customer service at 226-5131 or visit <https://lww/48msg-mss/mpf/mpfmain>.

Patient advocate

The 48th Medical Group patient advocate is Master Sgt. David Griffin. He is available for all 48th MDG healthcare consumers to address any issue concerned with a medical process or staff member, providing the maximum level of measurement for customer support. For more information, call 226-8511.

Classes

Family support center

The family support center offers the following classes:

- Monday
- 11 a.m. – Pre-separation briefing
- Wednesday
- 1:30 p.m. – Job interviewing
- 3:30 p.m. – Cash conscious kids
- Aug. 22
- 8:45 a.m. – Newcomers' bus tour

For more information or to register, call 226-3847.

MOVIES

RAF Lakenheath 226-2139

Today

6:30 p.m., **S.W.A.T.**, PG-13, starring Samuel L. Jackson and LL Cool J. After weeks of rigorous physical training, the new team is quickly thrown into action when a notorious drug lord offers a \$100 million reward to anyone who can free him from police custody. While accompanying the drug lord out of Los Angeles into the hands of the Feds, the S.W.A.T. team is pursued by a ruthless and well-armed band of reward seekers.

10 p.m., **S.W.A.T.**, PG-13

Saturday

3 p.m., **Finding Nemo**, G.

Animated. Marlin and his son Nemo become separated in the Great Barrier Reef when Nemo is unexpectedly taken from home and thrust into a fish tank in a dentist's office. The overly cautious father embarks on a dangerous trek and finds himself the unlikely hero of an epic journey to rescue his son.

6:30 p.m., **Gigli**, starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez. Gigli is ordered to kidnap the psychologically challenged younger brother of a powerful federal prosecutor. When plans go awry, Gigli's boss sends in Ricki, a gorgeous, free-spirited female gangster who has her own set of orders, to assist with the kidnapping. But Gigli begins falling for the decidedly unavailable Ricki, which could be a hazard to his occupation.



SWAT

10 p.m., **Gigli**, PG-13

Sunday

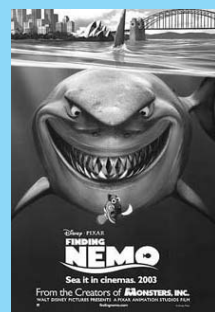
3 p.m., **Finding Nemo**, G

6:30 p.m., **Gigli**, PG-13

Monday

6:30 p.m., **The Italian Job**, PG-13, starring

Mark Wahlberg and Ed Norton. Charlie was pleased after pulling off an amazing gold bullion heist from a heavily guarded palazzo in Venice, Italy. The plan was flawless, the job was executed perfectly, the escape was clean. The only threat Charlie never saw coming was from a member of his own crew. He couldn't believe it



when one of them turned out to be a double-crosser. Now the job isn't about the payoff, it's about payback.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m., **Finding Nemo**, G

Wednesday

6:30 p.m., **Finding Nemo**, G

Thursday

6:30 p.m., **Gigli**, PG-13

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Today

6:30 p.m., **Finding Nemo**, G

9 p.m., **Gigli**, PG-13

Saturday

3:30 p.m., **2 Fast 2 Furious**, PG-13, starring

Paul Walker and Tyrese Gibson. Former cop Brian O'Conner teams up with his ex-con pal Roman Pearce to transport a shipment of dirty money for shady Miami-based import-export dealer Carter Verone, while actually working with undercover agent Monica Clemente to bring Verone down.

6:30 p.m., **S.W.A.T.**, PG-13



10 p.m., **S.W.A.T.**, PG-13

Sunday

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Briefs

Bakery and deli closure

The RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall Commissaries close the deli and bakery section Aug. 31. For more information, call the commissary at 226-3515.

Mandatory ID card requirements

The deadline for all eligible Department of Defense employees to obtain the new Common Access Card is Oct. 1. Information on CAC policy and eligibility is available at <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/deers/>. Individuals are advised to contact their respective personnel office or commander support staff to make arrangements to obtain the CAC. Eligible members assigned to RAF Lakenheath may also con-